
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**District of Columbia
Coalition
Against Domestic Violence**

**District of Columbia
Rape Crisis Center**

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Coalition Type

Domestic violence

Year Formed

1985

Year Incorporated

1986

Staff

1 full-time-equivalent staff member

Fiscal Year

July 1994 - June 1995

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Coalition Type

Sexual assault

Year Formed

1972

Year Incorporated

1973

Staff

7 full-time-equivalent staff members

Fiscal Year

October 1994 - September 1995

District of Columbia Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Member Programs and Services

Within the District of Columbia there were three domestic violence programs in operation during fiscal year 1994-95, and all were members of the District of Columbia Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Exhibit 1 displays the various services offered by the member programs. Only three services, medical advocacy, services for non-sheltered children, and treatment/rehabilitation for batterers, are not offered by any program.

Two indicated that their programs have specific components for special populations. One program tailors services for low-income populations. The other program offers aid to Spanish-speaking populations.

All member programs of the D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence offer only domestic violence services; none offer sexual assault services.

**Exhibit 1. Number of coalition member programs (N=3)
offering various domestic violence services**

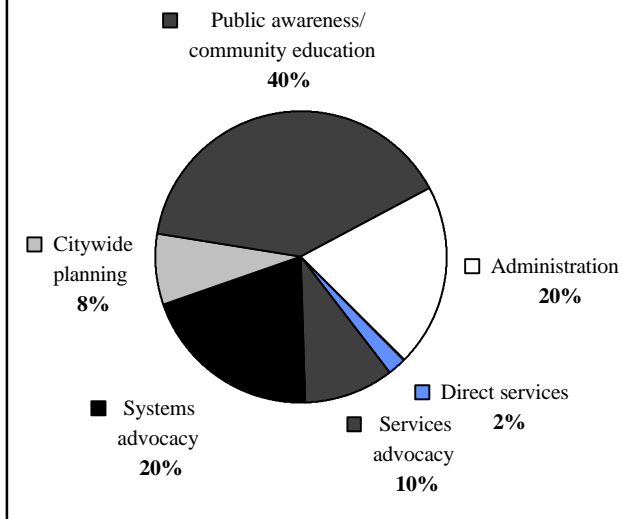
<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
2	Independently run domestic violence hotline
2	On-site shelter for abused women and their children
2	Support group for women
1	Legal advocacy program
0	Medical advocacy program
2	Specific support program for sheltered children
0	Services for non-sheltered children
2	Education programs in elementary schools or high schools
2	Education programs in colleges or universities
3	Community education/speakers bureau
3	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
2	Transitional/second-stage housing
0	Treatment/rehabilitation program for batterers
1	Other services (<i>volunteer program, scholarship program, national and international outreach</i>)

Domestic Violence Coalition Operations

Much of the domestic violence coalition's efforts in fiscal year 1994-95 were concentrated on public awareness and education operations (figure 1). These operations alone commanded 40 percent of resources. The coalition also directed some attention towards administrative tasks and systems advocacy operations, affording 20 percent of its efforts to each. Those operations allotted the least amount of effort were services advocacy and citywide planning, both receiving 8 to 10 percent of the coalition's attention, and direct services, which received only 2 percent.

Special Projects of the Domestic Violence Coalition

Figure 1. Percentage of effort allocated at the domestic violence coalition level among various operations



The D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence undertook three specific programs during fiscal year 1994-95. The coalition provided the following detailed project descriptions.

Criminal Justice Advocacy Project

Description: This is an ongoing project, now in its fourth year, that provides criminal justice system monitoring and oversight to ensure the vigorous prosecution of domestic violence crimes. The coalition trains advocates to assist women throughout the criminal prosecution process. Specific advocate responsibilities include explaining the criminal prosecution system to victims and assisting victims in obtaining attorneys, completing victim impact statements, and seeking civil protection orders.

Purpose: Not reported

Funding source: Not reported

Community Training and Education Project

Description: Several projects fall under the umbrella of the Community Training and Education Project.

- The community education coordinator organized a city-wide public education effort that included prevention and education materials (e.g., brochures, fact sheets, posters, pocket information card, etc.), public service announcements and advertisements, and the promotion of domestic violence prevention at public forums such as community meetings and festivals.

- The coalition completed a theater project entitled “Ain’t No Home” that raised issues related to police and clergy response, children, spousal sexual assault, and dating violence. The play was written by local playwrights and performed in local schools, the D.C. jail/halfway house, community centers, churches, and workplaces. The coalition has plans to develop a Spanish-language version of the play.
- The coalition convened the first-ever meeting of representatives from the domestic violence, child welfare, and family preservation communities. In addition, the coalition also began outreach to local clergy to enhance coordination of information and services for battered women through the churches.

Purpose: Not reported

Funding source: Not reported

Public Policy Development

Description: The coalition reported two efforts under the heading of public policy development.

- Numerous board and other members of the D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence are active participants in the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council that is convened by the Superior Court. The coalition has worked closely with the council to develop and refine legislation to benefit battered women. The coalition has also offered expert testimony before the council on such issues as stalking, dating violence, and child custody.
- The D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence is also a leader among national domestic violence advocates. Through its work with the National Network to End Domestic Violence, the coalition has been instrumental in securing funding for city shelters and increasing civil and criminal protection for battered women in the District of Columbia.

Purpose: Not reported

Funding Source: Not reported

Domestic Violence Coalition Funding

When the funding for the D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence is compared against the funding of other domestic violence coalition's in this inventory, it is placed in the first quartile of the funding range (\$70,001 to \$175,000). The coalition obtained the majority of funding, about two thirds, directly from federal sources. The remainder of the budget came through nongovernmental sources (figure 2).

Federal and City Funding

Representing two-thirds of the total 1994-95 budget, the coalition received a Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state coalition grant as well as other types of FVPSA discretionary funds. The coalition received no funds administered by the District of Columbia (see exhibit 2).

Figure 2. Funding sources and percentage of funds: District of Columbia Coalition Against Domestic Violence

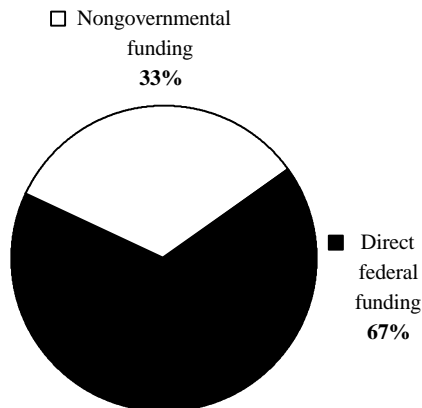


Exhibit 2. Sources of government funding reported by the District of Columbia Coalition Against Domestic Violence

<u>Direct federal funding</u>	<u>City funding or city-administered federal funding</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state coalition grant Other types of FVPSA discretionary grants 	None

Nongovernmental Funding Sources

One-third of the coalition's fiscal year 1994-95 operation budget came from nongovernmental sources. Foundation or corporate grants provided almost all nongovernmental funding, as seen in exhibit 3. Smaller nongovernmental contributions were private donations, local program dues, and general membership dues.

Exhibit 3. Sources of nongovernmental funding* reported by the District of Columbia Coalition Against Domestic Violence	
<u>Source</u>	<u>Percentage of nongovernmental funding</u>
Foundation or corporate grants	91%
Private donations	3%
Local program dues	3%
General membership dues	3%

*Nongovernmental funding was 33% of total funding.

Funds Passed to Local Programs

The D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence used virtually all of its 1994-95 income to cover office administration and operating expenses or to fund special projects. A small amount of money (less than 1 percent) was retained for future fiscal years, and about the same amount was passed to coalition member programs.

District of Columbia Rape Crisis Center

The District of Columbia Rape Crisis Center is not a coalition in the strictest sense of the word. The D.C. Rape Crisis Center is the only program devoted to sexual assault issues in the District of Columbia, thus, it has no member programs. The D.C. Rape Crisis Center was able to contribute to this inventory by providing some, though not all, of the requested information. Because certain information was not reported, the sections regarding coalition operations and special projects are omitted, and information about funding is abbreviated.

Member Programs and Services

The D.C. Rape Crisis Center has no member programs, but it does offer many of the inventoried sexual assault services through its own program. The only services not offered are secondary support groups, support groups for male victims, and treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders (exhibit 4). The center offers no specific domestic violence services.

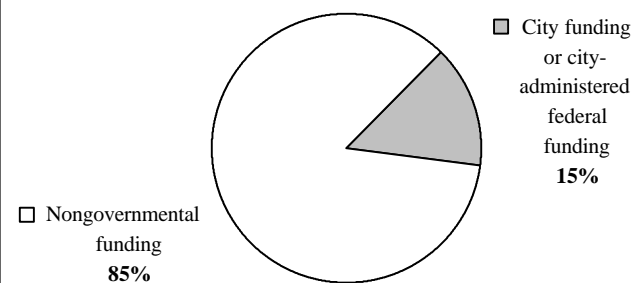
**Exhibit 4. Number of coalition member programs (N=1)
offering various sexual assault services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
1	Independently run sexual assault hotline
1	One-on-one counseling
1	Support group for adult women
1	Support group for teenage girls
0	Support group for male victims
1	Support group for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
0	Secondary support groups for spouses/partners of victims
0	Secondary support groups for parents of victims
1	Adult accompaniment and advocacy services
1	Child accompaniment and advocacy services
1	Legal advocacy program
1	Medical advocacy program
1	Prevention/risk reduction programs in preschool, elementary, middle, or high school
1	Education programs in colleges or universities
1	Community education/speakers bureau
1	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
1	Technical assistance
0	Treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders
1	Other services (<i>self-defense program</i>)

Sexual Assault Coalition Funding

Compared to the funding of sexual assault coalitions included in this inventory, the D.C. Rape Crisis Center places in the highest quartile (\$200,001 and above). Most 1994-95 revenue was raised through nongovernmental funding as shown in figure 3. A much smaller percentage of funding, 15 percent, was administered to the coalition by the District of Columbia. The center received no direct federal dollars.

Figure 3. Funding sources and percentage of funds: District of Columbia Rape Crisis Center


Federal and City Funding

The D.C. Rape Crisis Center did not provide information regarding the specific sources of District of Columbia-administered funding (exhibit 5).

Exhibit 5. Sources of government funding reported by the District of Columbia Rape Crisis Center	
<u>Direct federal funding</u>	<u>City funding or city-administered federal funding</u>
None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding sources not reported

Nongovernmental Funding Sources

Nongovernmental sources provided 85 percent of total funding for the D.C. Rape Crisis Center; however, the center did not provide information regarding the specific sources of nongovernmental funding (exhibit 6).

Exhibit 6. Sources of nongovernmental funding* reported by the District of Columbia Rape Crisis Center	
<u>Source</u>	<u>Percentage of nongovernmental funding</u>
Not reported	Not reported

*Nongovernmental funding was 85% of total funding.

Funds Passed to Local Programs

The D.C. Rape Crisis Center did not provide information regarding amounts of funds passed to outside agencies for direct services. Moreover, the center is the only sexual assault program in operation in the District of Columbia, so it is unlikely that funds would be flowing to outside programs for the purpose of direct services. The percentage and sources of funds used to support the center's work and those retained for future fiscal years were not given.

District of Columbia City Government Agencies

Two District of Columbia government agencies provided funding in fiscal year 1994-95 for domestic violence and sexual assault programs and prevention. Details of the agencies' funding sources and funding recipients are provided below. Note that the D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence reported for a fiscal period that begins and ends three months before and after the fiscal period of D.C. government agencies. Due to the overlapping budget periods, the monies reported by the government agencies might not be directly reflected in the monies reported by the domestic violence coalition.

Department of Human Services, Crime Victims Assistance and Compensation

Fiscal year: October 1994-September 1995

Crime Victims Assistance provided \$140,000 for domestic violence services. The money originated as a Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state formula grant. All the funds from this agency were passed to a local program that provides domestic violence services.

**Department of Human Services,
Commission of Public Health**

Fiscal year: October 1994-September 1995

The Commission of Public Health received \$210,000 for sexual assault services and prevention. Most of it came from the District of Columbia's tax revenues/general fund (\$180,000). The remaining \$30,000 was provided by a federal Preventive Health Block Grant. Local government agencies received \$120,000 and a local sexual assault program received \$90,000 of the agency's funds.

**Federal and City Funding Reported
by District of Columbia City
Government Agencies**

When the domestic violence and sexual 1994-95 assault budgets of the Office of Crime Victims Assistance and the Commission of Public Health are considered together, the federal and city governments provided almost equal amounts of monetary support. Figure 4 shows that District of Columbia funds provided just slightly more money than the federal government. Exhibit 7 reports the dollar amounts contributed by the federal and D.C. governments.

Figure 4. Percentage of federal and city funds for domestic violence and sexual assault services and prevention administered by District of Columbia city agencies

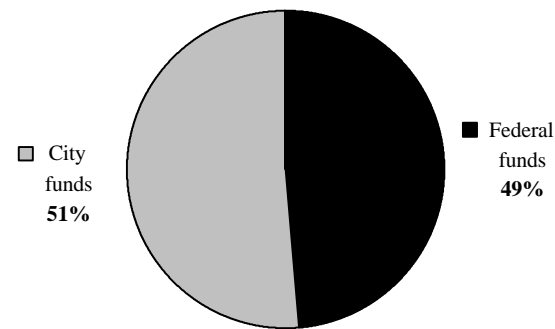


Exhibit 7. Federal and city funding totals reported by District of Columbia city agencies

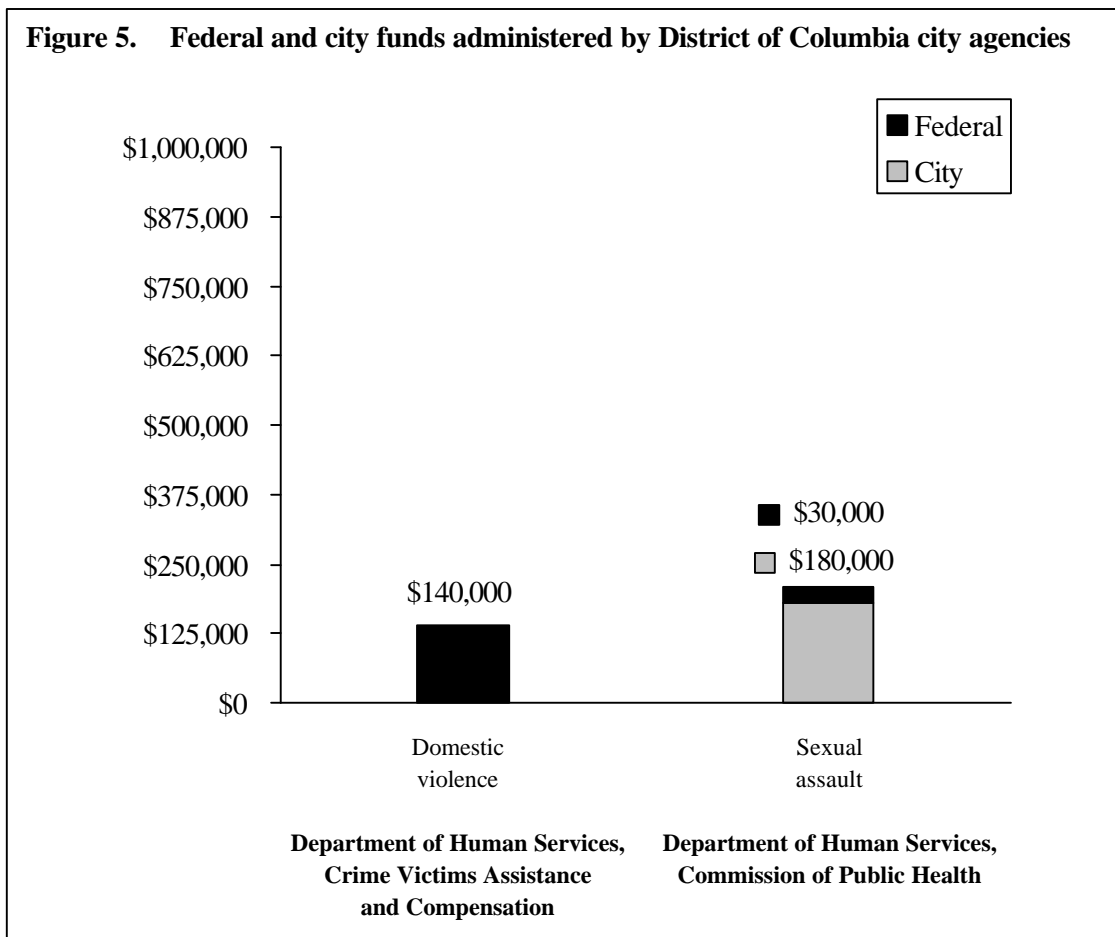
Federal	\$170,000
City	\$180,000
Total	\$350,000

Tax revenues/general fund is the only source of city funds, and it makes up about half of the District of Columbia's available domestic violence and sexual assault money. Exhibit 8 shows that funding received directly from federal agencies are a Family Violence and Services Act (FVPSA) state formula grant for \$140,000 and a Preventive Health Block Grant for \$30,000.

Exhibit 8. Sources of government funding reported by District of Columbia city agencies

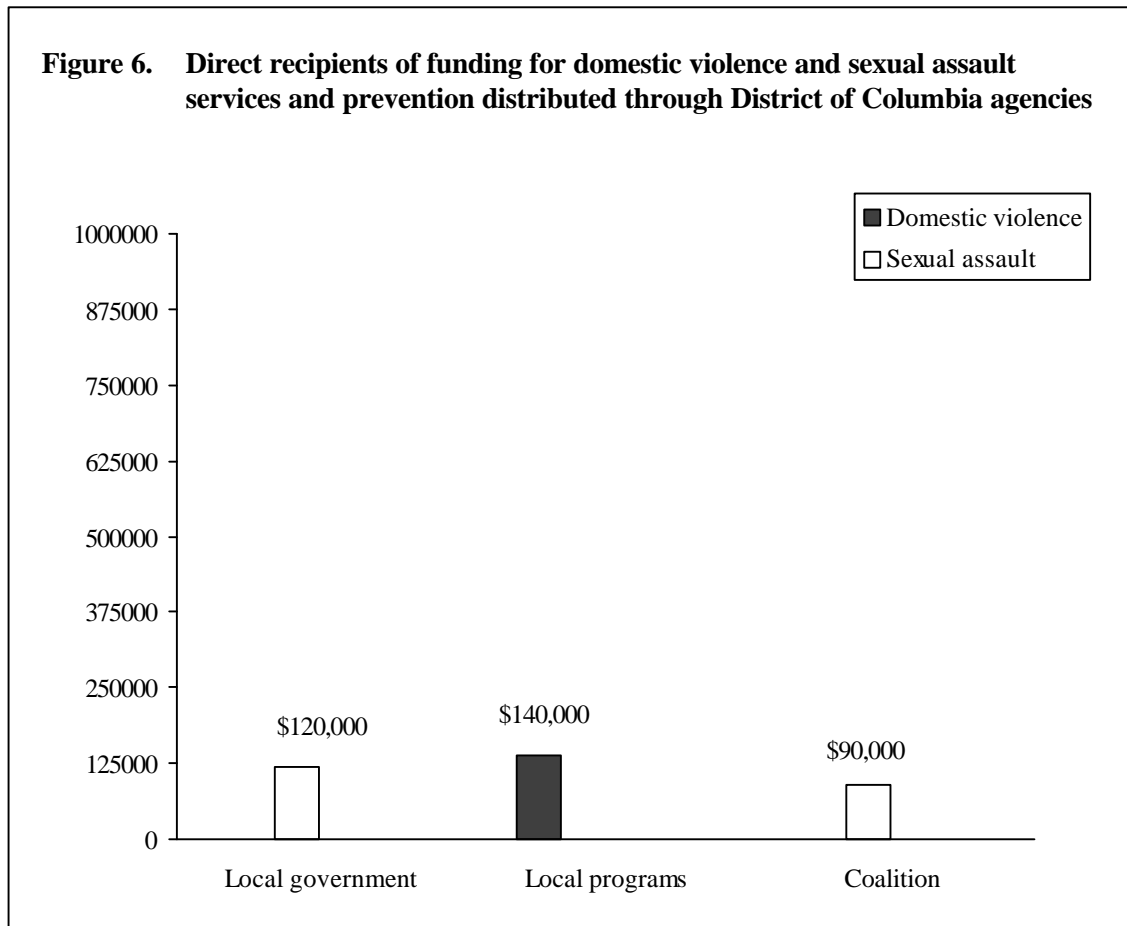
<u>Federal funds</u>	<u>City funds</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Violence Prevention and Services act (FVPSA) state formula grant - \$140,000 Preventive Health Block Grant - \$30,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax revenues/general fund - \$180,000

The Office of Crime Victims Assistance distributed \$140,000 in domestic violence money, all from federal sources (figure 5). The Commission on Public Health distributed \$180,000 in city-generated sexual assault funds and \$30,000 in federally generated sexual assault funds. District of Columbia agencies distributed 50 percent more funds for sexual assault programs and prevention than for domestic violence.



Distribution of City-Administered Funds

The coalition of domestic violence programs received all available domestic violence funding (see figure 6). Sexual assault funding was divided between local government agencies and the D.C. Coalition Against Sexual Assault.



Local Programs and Services Funded Through City Agencies

District of Columbia city agencies provided direct funding to one local sexual assault and one local domestic violence program. One of these programs was the D.C. Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and exhibit 4 outlines the services that are offered by that program. The other program funded through D.C. city agencies was a local program for the prevention of homelessness. The local program itself does not provide domestic violence services, but it passed the money it received from the city agency to local domestic violence shelters and safe homes.

